

Al Koran Shriners News



Krazy Kops and Corvettes Participated in Chagrin Parade



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Robert Carlson

Happy Summer!

Summertime is here and that has me thinking parade season. Come see the Korvettes and Krazy Kops at our next parade. Even if you don't per take in the parade, come on out and see your shrine center participate.

Awards night: we had 25,50 and even a couple 65 year recipients. Unfortunately

only a handful of the 25 year recipients were able to attend.

Sportsman's raffle. The Sportsmans raffle is currently underway. This is our one chance to make ends meet and we can always use more people to get involved. If anyone has any contacts or knows of any hunters, it might be a good idea to get them involved. See any divan member for details

Bob Carlson



Official Call of the Potentate

The next regular monthly business meeting will be **September 19, 2022** to be held at **Berea Masonic Center** (Quarry Lodge), 366 Eastland Road, Berea. Dinner will be served at 6:00 with RESERVATIONS called in to Recorder Tom Klecan.

Robert Carlson, Illustrious Potentate Thomas Klecan P.P., Recorder

Es Selamu Aleikum

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Calendar of Events

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AUG 8 – BOD/Divan Meeting

Paper Deadline!

For those of you that submit materials for the Al Koran News: I need your letters, ads and photos in a timely manner, so that I can assemble the newsletter with enough time for artwork, layout, printing & mailing.

Deadline is 2nd Wednesday each month.

Thank You, Jay Flack., Editor & Publisher

= Mariners Log

BOB STANLEY, MSA

Congratulations goes out to Commodore Ronn Murphy P.P. who received the M.S.A. award at the Ohio Scottish Rite Council of Deliberations in Cincinnati. Ronn becomes the third Mariner to receive his red cap and red jewel.

The answer to June's mystery question is President Theodore Roosevelt was raised at Matinecock Lodge #806 in Oyster Bay, New York on April 24, 1901 while he was Vice President. Later that year, he became our 26th President. He was Colonel in his "Rough Riders" Regiment during the Spanish American War and lead the charge on horseback up San Juan Hill in July 1898 to victory. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 2001, thus making him the only President that ever received the Medal of Honor.

Our Sunshine Chairman, P/C John Baker has informed me that as of this writing (June 6), sick bay is empty and all is well. Don't forget to use your Sea and Ski or Coppertone, and stay healthy and enjoy the rest of the summer.

The Mariners are docking their boats and the Hillbillies are coming down to the flatlands on Saturday, August 6. They will be traveling to the Berea Masonic Center where they will cook-up a pork chop, corn boil. This will be a first for Al Koran Shrine. So, if you love pork chops and sweet summer Ohio corn, you don't want to miss this.

The Mariners July meeting will be held on Tuesday July 26 at the Edgewater Yacht Club. Chow and grog will commence at 1800 hours and the meeting will be rapped to order at 1900 hours.

Come September, the Mariners will be joining the International Order of Blue Gavel (I.O.B.G.) IN District #7 for their annual wine tour. On September, 24 we will meet at the Holiday Inn in Madison, Ohio. We will then board the wine bus at 1200 hours with four stops at local wineries, enjoying an afternoon of food, entertainment, friendship, and of course, award winning wines. Our return to the Holiday Inn will be around 1800 hours.

Now that summer has arrived, it is time for us to go boating on Lake Erie. This will be a welcome change from the pandemic of last summer. It will be great to be on our lake enjoying a day of sunshine, fresh air, and no face masks. For information pertaining to membership or activities of the Mariners, contact Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785.

Have a safe 4th of July and Happy Birthday America!

God's Speed!





Mariners Cruise
OG Brandon Gould,
Trustee Rob Frankel,
PP Mike Davison

Hunter's Unit

If you did not join, or go on the bus, with 40 some Nobles and women to the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, you missed a great event. Even though it was a solum experience, it was a joyful day. The bus was escorted, from the Brookpark Rapid Station by two blue uniformed police, followed by about thirty Masonic Club Bikers to the cemetery. There were over one hundred that attended the ceremony which was follow by a gun salute and taps. The people that made this day happen should be congratulated, from the time it was a dream to the final taps and then some. It started with the help of Ill Wayne Angstrom and Howard Walker, that did not see it finished product, but we should also congratulate and thank Wayne's wife Sandra Angstrom for all her time and effort that pick thinks up after her husband passed. Thank you, Sandy.

This year has been a confusing year regarding our Parade Trailer. After being told that it was going to be worked on, we found that no one knew where it was. So, after some discussions Roger Neff found one to our liking. It is a copy of the Old San Francisco Trolly Car. Including cord pull trolly bells. Now this is a trailer not a motor unit. Reconstruction is needed is some areas, but we hope to have it ready some time in August.

For those that would remember, we had or Mooseburger Meeting held at the Kennedy Park Pavilion, in Brookpark. So, mark your calendars for September 12th for it will be held there again. We will be dark July and August.

GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

Hillbilly Crooked River Clan

Congratulations to the new members that joined the Hillbilly, Crooked River Clan #16. We had a great attendance at the last meeting on June 22nd, to welcome these, that were flatlands to the subline virtue of a hillbilly. In the past, we, and for a number of years we had a porkchop dinner. WellIllIllIll It's back. On August 6th at the Berea Masonic Center we will be holding this event. The last time we held the event was 2018 at our past Edgerton Rd. complex. Menu, will be salad, grilled pork chop, corn on the cob, baked potato (with trimmings), followed up with ice cream cups. All for the ridiculous price of \$15.00. Can't beat that. Won't promise, but trying to get some ho down music for line dancing, etc. Depends on music supply, space, and also short notice. We will have an open bar and tickets are available or reservations would be appreciated, since this is the first time in four years and we can't estimate the food and etc. Tickets or reservations call Ronn Murphy at 216-702-6785 or email murphyrm@cox.net, or Russ Arndt 216-905-5629, email russellarndt@yahoo.com.

We would like to thank all those connected to the Legion of Honor Club for honoring all those that had served in the ranks of service and gave the ultimate sacrifice. When you look out over the grounds of this Ohio National Cemetery and see million of headstones, just think of how many other cemeteries there are, not just in the U.S.A., But thru out the world that had Americans laid to rest.

Krazy Kops

Greetings Shriners!

The Krazy Kops are off to a fast start with parades this year. We've already marched in St. Patrick's Day, Chagrin Falls, and Westlake. We would like to thank our hosts for lunch prior to the Chagrin Falls parade, Noble Jack Hattendorf and Brenda, and Noble Jim Pascoe and Nancy. It was great getting a chance to spend time with you and lunch was delicious.

Our upcoming parade schedule is as follows:

6/16 Middleburgh Heights?? 8/14 North Ridgeville 10/10 Columbus Day

7/23 Highland Heights 8/28 North Olmsted

In addition, our two social committee chairmen Trevor Cutts and Brady Woodworth have promised us some fun and festive social events in the coming months. Come join us and see what the fun is about!

Michael Spisak, PD / Sect.-Treasurer

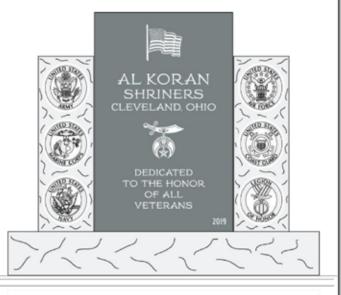


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From the Recorder

What happened to the Onions?

Just a note to explain what happened to the onions. We have not sold onions since 2020, and were hoping to restart the program as a fund raiser. In an effort to reduce costs, we partnered up with Zenobia Shriners in Toledo. Last time we sold onions we only sold about 750 bags. Transportation and onions costs usually ran between \$3.50 and \$4.50 a bag. We charge \$10, but a dollar of that goes to clubs and units that do the selling. Not bad for a day's work, when the onions are good. As a reference we used to sell between 3500 and 4000 not all that long ago. Really not bad for a day's work.

This year we had orders for just over 500 bags, which was a good start after a few years off. Well we kept getting delayed on the arrival time. First the Bags to hold the onions which were manufactured in Mexico, couldn't get across the border, supposedly the cartels were trying to get drugs across the border in the shipping containers containing the bags.

After almost two weeks delay, the costs for transporting them to Toledo rose to between \$7.00 to \$9.00 a bag, and possibly more. The transporter would not fix a cost until after delivery. Yeah, what a world we live in. Regardless, we stood to potentially lose money, and our profit would have been minimal at best. We will try again next year. Sorry!

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What happens with my dues when I reach my 50 year membership?

Unlike the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Shriner's international, and Al Koran Shrine, does not automatically remit or suspend you payment of dues when you have reached the 50 year mark. We still ask that you pay your dues. We are aware that many of our more senior members do not participate as much as they used to. Furthermore, we are also aware that your health, both physically and financially, may not be as good as it used to be.

Therefore we do have an arrangement for qualifying members to remain Shriners at a reduced or fully remitted cost. To qualify your age and years of service in Shriner's must equal 103. Well over 75 Nobles meet these criteria. Remember, your dues include a per capita of \$30 and a hospital contribution of \$5, which Al Koran pays to Imperial whether or not you pay your dues.

If meet these criteria and can afford to pay please do, if you meet these criteria and would like to reduce your dues because of health or financial issues please send in the per capita and hospital assessment (\$35). The Recorder will forgive the Al Koran portion and keep you a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. If you would like a full remittance please ask. We know that many of you are proud to be a Shriner and would like to remain so, please send us the reason for requesting a full remittance and we will consider, and most likely approve, your request

Potential Dues Increase!

Just a warning about a potential dues increase for 2023, this has been mentioned a couple of times before. At both the Recorder's and Treasurer's Seminars the Imperial Officers made a convincing argument for an increase in the imperial per capita. Currently the per capita is \$30. The last increase was in 2016 when the per capita was \$15. Al Koran absorbed that increase; we did not increase dues to cover it. In doing so we decreased or income by over \$15,000.00 annually, and over \$90,000.00 since that last dues increase. Imperial is now seeking to raise the per capita to \$50.00, and Al Koran cannot absorb that cost.

Imperial, like Al Koran, has seen a reduction in membership. In 2016 Al Koran had well over 1000 members, and we had over 2500 in 2007. We are currently down to just over 800, and with potential suspensions looming we will be under 800 in 2023.

How would you be doing financially if you lost 2/3's of you income? In 2007 Dues alone produced over \$300,000.00 in income for Al Koran. Income from dues is expected to be about \$80,000.00 in 2023, an almost 75% decrease. We have done quite a bit to reduce expenses, but in all honesty dues barely cover the costs of rent, utilities, postage, and running the office.

Be prepared for an increase in dues if the per capita vote succeeds. Please support the Al Koran Sportsman's Raffle. It is the best way to increase funds for Al Koran without raising your dues even further than \$20 for the per capita.

Al Koran Boosters

"Al Koran Boosters" help to defray the cost of publishing and mailing our magazine. To be a "Booster" please send a check, payable to Al Koran, for \$10 per person listed to Al Koran Headquarters. Names are listed for one year, after which it is time to renew. Renewal dates are shown after your name.

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Lakewood Shrine Club

Lakewood Shrine Club had our meeting in June with absolutely incredible entertainment from a lady who plays and sings jazz and used to open for BB King. This was just another example of some of the great evenings that we have together. You just never know who will be there, so don't miss the next one.

Speaking of the next one, we are not meeting in July but we will be having our annual steak roast on Wednesday, August 17 at Tom Chalfant's home. Social hour will begin at 5pm. His address is 2893 Columbia Rd., Westlake. The cost is \$25 per person and we will be providing the steak, baked potatoes, and beverages. If you'd like to bring a side or an appetizer, that would be great.

Please make your reservation with Kay Stelmach at 440-655-0525

-- Mark Bollinger, President

Korvette News

NOBLES THE KORVETTE UNIT NEEDS YOUR HELP NOW!!!!!!!!

Nobles as you probably know the Korvette's are one of the primer parade units In Al Koran and the parade watchers are always looking for them. Nobles due to circumstances beyond anyone's control the Korvette unit has lost a number of drivers. Some are hopefully short term and at least one is probably long term. Right now we only have 4 active drivers, which is really not enough to put on a good show at a Shrine parade. So having said that, we need some new drivers NOW before the parade season starts. Even if you do not want to be a full time driver or do not have the time to be in all of the parades we could use some Nobles to be a part time drivers and help out in 2 or 3 parades. We can teach you the basic parade maneuvers in about an hour. Not only would you be helping the Korvette's, Al Koran Shrine and our special Kids. So if you can help, even in a small way, please call Director Don Davis **440-336-3540** or Ill. Mike Davison **330-608-2414** or myself Ill. Al Paynter **216-346-3162**

2022 Mid-Ohio Shrine Clubs Annual Luau



June 11th the Mid-Ohio Shrine Club hosted the 3rd Annual Luau at The Horseshoe Burger Company in Mansfield Ohio. We had a great turn out and even better weather, as a Club event we welcome everyone, Noble or not to attend and experience some Good Old Fashioned Shriner Fun. What better way to have good fellowship as Nobles but also have people ask us how to be a Shriner! A special thank you to all the Nobles from Al Koran, other Clubs and Masonic Bodies that came to support us.

-- The Mid-Ohio Shrine Club Team.



Annual Shriners Bike Rally





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Shriners Olympics 4 PM



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June 2022



From the Bridge

Ahoy, Members:

Summer is here and my boat is in the water! TIME to cruise around the lake and enjoy the waves. To assist with enjoying the time, below you will see details about Events for this season. Please come and have fun.

The next Mariners meeting is Tuesday, JUNE 28 at 6 pm, Edgewater Yacht Club. Ladies are invited.

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- Huron Basin Event, a Cocktail Party: Saturday, June 18, from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm in Huron.
- Put-in-Bay's Week of Events end on July 29 and 30 with cocktails, dinner and awards. Fun times on the Island.
- **Pork Chop and Corn Boil Dinner**: Saturday, August 6, 5pm 8pm at the Berea Temple. \$15.00 each. Hosting with the Hillbilly Clan.
- Nautica Queen is coming back: Sunday Brunch Cruise on Lake Erie. If you missed the first one, here's your chance to come abroad for an amazing yummy time on the lake; Sunday, August 21, 2022.
- Phenomenal Wine Tasting Tour: September 23, 24 in Madison, Ohio; a Hospitality Room both nights. Great wines to sample.
- Turkey Shoot: November 12 from 4 pm to 8 pm; more details coming.
- Christmas Party: details to come.

Share your ideas with me to improve the FUN. Thinking about a Life Membership program.

AHOY! Ronn Murphy, PP, Commodore 2022 murphyrm2361@gmail.com

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Sunshine

Anyone who knows of someone in our Mariners family who is ill, having some medical problems or has passed away, please notify our Sunshine Chairman John Baker His phone number is 216-374-7365



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Al-Koran Shrine Children's Christmas Party





Santa Arrives at 12:30ml

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Saturday, December 17th, 2022

10am-2pm

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